



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: August 29, 2023

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

GENERAL SERVICES – AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW EMERGENCY GENERATOR AT THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT BORREGO SPRINGS OFFICE AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 5)

OVERVIEW

The Sheriff’s Department Borrego Springs Office located at 2620 Country Club Road, Borrego Springs, CA 92004 needs a new permanent emergency generator to support the station in the event of a power disruption. It is imperative that all Sheriff’s stations, substations, and remote offices have permanent emergency generators so they can maintain their services during power outage events.

Today’s request is for the Board of Supervisors to authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to advertise and award a construction contract for the installation of an emergency generator at the Sheriff’s Department Borrego Springs Office. If approved, construction is expected to begin in October 2025, with an estimated completion of December 2025. An extended project duration is due to the long lead times expected to receive the new generator.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find that the proposed project for the generator work at the Sheriff’s Department Borrego Springs Office is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, 15304 and 15311.
2. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to advertise and award a construction contract and to take any action authorized by Article XXIII, Section 401, et seq. of the Administrative Code, with respect to contracting for the installation of an emergency generator at the Sheriff’s Department Borrego Springs Office.

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3. Designate the Director, Department of General Services as the County Officer responsible for administering the construction contract for the emergency generator project at the Sheriff’s Department Borrego Springs Office.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The San Diego County Sheriff’s Department (Sheriff’s Department) provides law enforcement services that aim to protect everyone’s human right to life, liberty, and security of person and strives for equitable outcomes in our communities. The authorization to procure an emergency generator for the Sheriff’s Department Borrego Springs Office will provide members of the community uninterrupted access to law enforcement in the event there is a power outage.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Implementing effective sustainability objectives is crucial to ensuring safe and healthy communities and contributing to the overall success of the region. The authorization and award of a construction contract for the emergency generator for the Sheriff’s Department Borrego Springs Office would contribute to the County of San Diego’s Sustainability Goals of engaging the community, providing equitable access for justice-involved individuals, and protecting the health and well-being of vulnerable individuals.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan Major Maintenance Capital Outlay Fund (MMCOF) project 1025535, Sheriff’s Department Borrego Springs Office Emergency Generator. Total project cost is \$245,000. The funding source is an operating transfer from the Sheriff’s Department. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

County construction contracts are competitively bid and help stimulate the local economy.

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

N/A

BACKGROUND

The Sheriff’s Department Borrego Springs Office located at 2620 Country Club Road, Borrego Springs, CA 92004 needs a new emergency generator to support the station in the event of a power disruption. It is imperative Sheriff’s stations, substations, and remote offices have emergency generators so they can maintain their services during power outage events.

A task order was issued in November 2022 under contract #559442 with Syska Hennessy Group Inc., for technical assistance in developing design documentation necessary for installation of an emergency generator at the Sheriff’s Department Borrego Springs Office. Syska Hennessy Group Inc. was engaged only to provide planning and design services for this project, and a construction contract is now needed to perform the installation of the emergency generator and associated equipment.

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Today’s action would authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to advertise and award a construction contract for the installation of a new emergency generator at the Sheriff’s Department Borrego Springs Office. If approved, construction is expected to begin in October 2025, with estimated completion in December 2025. An extended project duration is due to the long lead times expected to receive the generator.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

The proposed project for emergency generator work at the Sheriff’s Department Borrego Springs Office is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article 19, Section 15301, 15303, 15304, and 15311 of the CEQA Guidelines, as it involves the minor exterior alteration of an existing public facility involving negligible or no expansion of existing use, installation of an emergency shelter that is accessory to the existing Sheriff Station, and minor alterations to land, including minor grading for emergency generator pad and electrical connections.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today’s proposed action supports the Community Strategic Initiative of the County of San Diego’s 2023-2028 Strategic Plan by supporting safety for all communities, even in the event of a power outage. The advertisement and award of a construction contract for the installation of an emergency generator at the Sheriff’s Department Borrego Springs Office will keep the facility operational and maintain service to staff and residents in the event of a power disruption.

Respectfully submitted,



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Interim Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)

Attachment A - Notice of Exemption